(c) whether the designation of "Menon" for Village Accountant be changed into either village clerk or accountant or at least "Gumastha"?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):*

(a) No.

(b) and (c) Government do not consider it necessary to change the designation of these officials.

ARTICLE IN THE MALABAR MAIL—PARTIALITY IN PADDY PURCHASE

242. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(a) whether Government has noted in the Editorial article, under the caption "നെല്ലെടുപ്പിൽ പക്ഷപാതമോ" (partiality in commandeering of paddy in the "Malabar Mail," dated 1st January 1944);

(b) whether any such partiality has been shown by Government in 1118 and 1119 to any institution or person or head of any religious order, monastery, convent, mutt, mosque, synagogue, temple or church?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* (a) Yes.

(b) The facts stated in the article are not true and hence the question of partiality does not arise.

243. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(a) whether they have noted in column 3 of page 2 of the "Malabar Mail" dated 25th December 1943 the article under the caption "വാദ്ധ്യാന്റെ നെല്ല്" "സൈ്വ വകുപ്പുകാരുടെ പുണ്യാഹം";

(b) whether the facts contained in the article are true;

(c) what was the actual number of paras of paddy belonging to Vadhyan Nambudiri which was commandeered;

(d) the quantity of paddy (in paras) released by the Government and returned to "Vadhyan";

(e) the reasons for commandeering and subsequent returning;

(f) the total amount in rupees spent for the so-called purification ceremony?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* (a) Yes.

(b) No.

(c) 1921—8—8 paras.

(d) Nil.

(e) No answer is necessary in view of answer to (d).

(f) No amount was spent by Government.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ: വാദ്ധ്യാൻ നമ്പൂതിരിക്ക എതു സ്ഥലത്തുനിന്നാണ് നെല്ല് കൊടുത്തത്?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* From a Kalam in Trichur.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ: ഗവമ്മെണ്ടിൽനിന്നു പുണ്യാഹത്തിനു പണം കൊടുത്തിട്ടില്ലെന്നുപറഞ്ഞു, നെല്ല് എടുക്കുവാൻ പോയ ഉദ്യോഗസ്ഥൻ കൊടുത്തിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

റാവു സാഹിബ്ബ് എം. എം. പോൾ: ഇല്ല, ഒരുരം കൊടുത്തിട്ടില്ല.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ: തലപ്പിള്ളി താലൂക്കിൽ വാദ്ധ്യാൻ നമ്പൂതിരിയുടെ അടുക്കൽനിന്നു ൯൦൦ പറ നെല്ല് എടുത്തിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

റാവുസാഹിബ്ബ് എം. എം. പോൾ: ൯൦൦ പറ നെല്ല് തലപ്പിള്ളി താലൂക്കിൽനിന്നു എടുത്തിട്ടില്ല.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know, Sir, whether it was not a case of the respectable individual mentioned herein, Vadhyan Nambudiri, requiring that the particular kind of paddy that was taken, for his own consumption and agreeing to give an equal quantity of another variety acceptable to the Government?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* The allegation is that the Tahsildar commandeered some paddy and in commandeering he pollutted the place where the paddy had been kept, that for the pollution some purification ceremony was conducted and Government spent money for it.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്. പണിക്കർ: പത്ര റിപ്പോർട്ടുകൾ ശരിയല്ലെങ്കിൽ അതു കോൺടഡിക്ട് ചെയ്യേണ്ട ചുമതല ഗവമ്മെണ്ടിനില്ലേ?

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Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* There was no necessity because the very same paper in another article reports that all these facts are not true.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്°. പണിക്കർ: ഗവൺമെണ്ടിനേ ഇത്രയധികം അദ്ധ്വാനിച്ചുള്ള ലേഖനങ്ങൾ വന്നാൽ അതിനെ ശരിയായി അനേഷിച്ച് അസത്യമാണെന്നുള്ളത് പൊതുജനങ്ങളെ മനസ്സിലാ ഭരണത്തിലല്ലേ?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* It is absolutely baseless and false. In every case, it is not necessary for the Government to publish a press communique, especially in this case where it was admitted by the paper that the facts stated in the original articles were not correct.

മിസ്റ്റർ കെ. എസ്സ്°. പണിക്കർ: ഈ വക സംഗതികളിൽ പൊതുജനങ്ങളുടെ തെറ്റി ദ്ധാരണ തീർക്കുക ഇൻഫർമേഷൻ ആഫീസറുടെ ചുമതലയല്ലേ?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* In this case, there was no reason for mis-understanding because the paper itself admitted that the facts were not correct.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I point out to the attention of the Hon'ble Member, with reference to question (*d*) the answer (*d*) being 'nil', was there any exchange?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* Yes.

ROAD FROM CHALAKKUDI MARKET TO VETTUKADAVU

244. Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* Will Government be pleased to state whether their attention has not been repeatedly drawn to the necessity of constructing the road from the Chalakkudi market to Vettukadavu during the year 1119 itself?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* The matter has been brought to the notice of the Government.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* Have the Government decided to take up this work this year or at least next year?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* It will be expedited.

FIRE FIGHTING LORRY—KUNNAMKULAM

245. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether a fire fighting lorry attached to the Kunnamkulam Police Station has been taken away by the A. R. P. Department;

(*b*) if so, whether Government be pleased to return this lorry back to Kunnamkulam Police Station, since A. R. P. is disbanded?

Khan Sahib Y. Muhammed Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):*

(*a*) No.

(*b*) Does not arise in view of answer to (*a*).

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* May I know whether Government require a fire-fighting lorry? There was a new fire-fighting lorry in Kunnamkulam. It was not seen there for the last so many months. I have seen the A. R. P. going in the fire-fighting lorry. May I know who took it?

Khan Sahib Y. Muhammad Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):* The Kunnamkulam Police Station had never a fire-fighting lorry.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* There was a lorry attached to the Kunnamkulam Police Station.

Khan Sahib Y. Muhammad Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):* There was a lorry attached to the Kunnamkulam Town Council.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* It was under the control of the Police Sub-Inspector. It was stationed also in the precincts of the Police Station.

Khan Sahib Y. Muhammad Roshan Sahib Bahadur *(Commissioner of Police):* It was housed there, but managed by the Town Council of Kunnamkulam.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Is the Government satisfied that there is necessity to station a good conditioned water lorry at Kunnamkulam?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Gavernment):* It will be advisable, but not inescapable.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know whether Government is aware of the existence of the innumerable thatched houses in the crowded streets of Kunnamkulam?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Joint Secretary to Government):* Yes.

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